

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule



The recycling scheduled pickup for Wednesday, April 7, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

VSIP/VERA open window

An additional opportunity to apply for Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority for APG garrison permanent employees is available through April 2.

For information, call Kim Hart, Civilian Personal Advisory Center, 410-278-7144.

Easter Sunrise at AA

Easter Sunrise Service will be held 7 a.m. at Fanshaw Field in the Aberdeen Area. For more information, call the chapel at 410-278-4333.

AER Campaign

The 2004 Army Emergency Relief campaign is scheduled to run through May 15.

This year's coordinator is Maj. Anissa M. McNeill and the assistant campaign coordinator is Sgt. 1st Class Lisa R. Flecha. They can be reached at 410-278-2104.

Road closure scheduled for Otto Road

As part of the ongoing construction of the Advance Chemistry Laboratory in the Edgewood Area, the Poole and Kent Company, a contractor for the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, will be installing power and communication duct banks across Otto Road.

The work is currently scheduled to occur this weekend.

During this period, Otto Road will be closed between Rickets Point Road and the southern entrance of building E-4301. Access to E-4301 will not be affected, but the E-3510 temporary parking lot on the south side of Otto Road will be closed during this period.

In advance of the actual road closures, there may be lane closures with flagmen for preparatory work such as saw cutting.

These dates and durations are subject to weather and environmental factors and may slip in both date and duration.

Motorists are requested to use caution and to obey all traffic controls and detours.

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Pre-concert special one week ticket sale \$10, April 2 to 9

School partnership wins Army community relations award

AEC

The partnership between the U.S. Army Environmental Center and the Edgewood Elementary School received the Army's top award for community relations this month during the 2004 Worldwide Public Affairs Conference in Vienna, Va.

The school partnership program earned the "Award of Distinction" from the Army's Chief of Public Affairs for the efforts that supported the educational development of the students at Edgewood Elementary during 2003.

The opportunity for locally based Soldiers and Army civilians to connect with children in the surrounding community is a major benefit of a partnership first chartered Oct. 27, 1997, between Edgewood Elementary School and AEC. Volunteers support Edgewood Elementary School's curriculum by sharing knowledge of the Army's environmental stewardship, environmental sciences, and professional career paths with students and teachers throughout the school year.

Public outreach is an important part of the mission of the Army's environmental programs, according to Col. James M. De Paz, AEC commander. He said that the close relationship AEC

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Photo by NEAL SNYDER

Fifth graders Victor Roman-Nieves, left, and Dustin Hutton try on Army helmets from Desert Storm and the Korean War during Military Appreciation Day at Edgewood Elementary School Nov. 6.

APG commits to preventing child abuse

ACS

The APG community is committed to putting an end to child abuse. For this reason the Army celebrates April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Everyone shares responsibility for keeping children safe from child abuse and neglect. Parents have personal accountability for their children's protection. Command and all community leaders share with parents the duty to create a supportive and secure environment for children.

Prevention takes action

Prevent Child Abuse America, an organization that has led the way in building awareness, providing education and inspiring hope to everyone involved in the effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of the nation's children, has defined five ways members of the community can participate in making prevention work.

Reach out to families and children, and volunteer for children's programs in the community.

Make the effort to raise awareness of child abuse

in the community. Don't let it be swept under the rug.

Be aware of the risk factors that put children in danger: isolation, stress, substance abuse, anger and indifference.

Recognize the warning signs for child abuse and neglect: sores, burns, bruises on the body, soiled diapers, dirty hair, unwashed clothes, withdrawal from others, inappropriate sexual behavior and soreness, redness or chaffing in the child's private area. For additional information, call a local Family Advocacy Program office.

Report suspected abuse and neglect to the APG Police.

"Children who grow up in a safe and secure community become the leaders of the future," said Celestine Beckett, director, APG Army Community Service. "The entire military community is responsible for making that future possible."

The Army Family Advocacy Program will distribute blue ribbons to honor Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Blue ribbons will be available to the APG com-

munity starting April 1 at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road.

The blue ribbon movement began in the spring of 1989, when a concerned grandmother, Bonnie Finney of Norfolk, Va., took a stand against child abuse after experiencing the death of her grandson.

She tied a symbolic blue ribbon to her van as a signal to her community of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse.

Bonnie's own grandson, Michael Wayne "Bubba" Dickenson, was a tragic, young victim, and his death gave her the strength to encourage others to help in the fight against child abuse and neglect.

The spirit of her blue ribbon grew, and it inspired a statewide community-based effort to join forces in this tragic battle.

The APG community is asked to join with Army Community Service to show support for Child Abuse Prevention Month by wearing a blue ribbon on their lapel.

For more information, call Family Advocacy Program, 410-278-7478 or 4372.

Army One Source comes to APG

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

You're a Soldier about to return to Iraq after your R&R leave but you're worried because your spouse seems to have become too dependent on sleeping pills during your absence.

You're a spouse about to join her husband in Germany for the first time but you're worried about how to find your way around a foreign airport.

You're a Soldier stationed in Japan who's child is upset about your upcoming rotation back to the states for fear of losing his belt standing in karate school.

In all these situations, and thousands more like them, who do you call?

Representatives from the Department of Defense came to Aberdeen Proving Ground last week to explain a

new 24-hour, 7-day a week information and referral telephone service called Army One Source, that is designed to handle all of these problems and more.

Robert M. Bransford, contract administrator, and Clare Lebling, assistant program manager, held two briefings on the new Army initiative in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas March 16 and 17.

Bransford said Army One Source "provides assistance when you need it," for active, National Guard and reserve Soldiers and their family members.

"It's a new way to provide direct support as well as a tool for support personnel in Army Community Service and other areas," he said.

By calling toll free to AOS counselors, Soldiers and their family mem-

bers can speak with experts who have master's degrees in a variety of fields such as education, social work, early childhood development, psychology and counseling, and consultants, social workers, and psychiatrists trained in problem-solving.

Although some can find the information they need on their own, this can take hours of research through phone books or on the Internet, according to Bransford.

"The fast-paced world of the military doesn't always allow for that," he said. "The main thing is saving people time and saving people stress."

AOS has been Army-wide since August 2003, and it has assisted 881 people.

To access AOS in the continental United States, call 1-800-464-8107;

outside the continental United States, dial the country access code, then 800-464-81077 (all 11 digits).

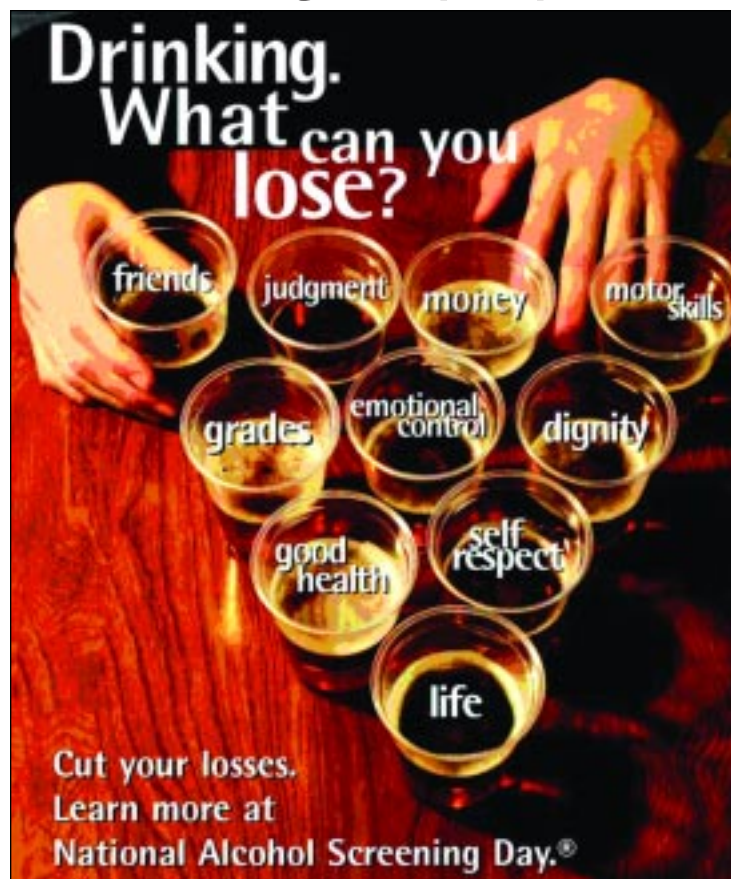
There is no cost to go online, order educational materials, or for the six counseling sessions.

Army One Source provides assistance with parenting and childcare, education, relocation, financial and legal concerns, emotional well being, health and wellness, addiction and recovery, disabilities, military life, employment concerns, crisis support and elder care.

AOS also offers face-to-face counseling sessions for short-term problem resolution issues that include six sessions per family.

For more information, access the AOS Web site at <http://www.armyone-source.com>.

APG to hold National Alcohol Screening Day April 8



Courtesy of the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ASAP

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Substance Abuse Program staff will host events in support of National Alcohol Screening Day 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 8 in the Aberdeen Area Main Post Exchange lobby and 4 to 6 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Shoppette.

Events will include confidential alcohol screening, which addresses a range of drinking behaviors from at-risk to alcohol dependence.

Free literature will be given out as well as premium gifts for everyone who participates.

The theme of NASD is "Alcohol and Your Health: Where do you draw the line?" The intent is to raise public awareness about alcohol's effects on general health, educate the community about the consequences of at-risk drinking, and to identify people who

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Women's history focus of OC&S competition

Story and photo by
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APG News

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools completed its commemoration of Women's History Month with an award ceremony held in building 3071 March 25.

Col. Kevin M. Smith, OC&S chief of staff, led the ceremony, presenting coins, plaques and certificates to the winners and runners up of the essay and display competition.

The OC&S competitions are held in conjunction with equal opportunity observances throughout the year.

Smith said the practice is an important tool in preparing young ordnance Soldiers for their military careers.

"Equal opportunity in this environment is very important," Smith said. "Here is where we make the first set of impressions on young privates. If they leave here not knowing what life looks and sounds like, they'll demonstrate that in their new unit."

"I challenge you to keep doing the job you do," he told the assembled noncommissioned officers. "Army values mean nothing if we don't demonstrate that every day."

With the theme, "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibilities," participants focused on women's roles in and out of the military. The subjects included essays on women's suffrage; biographies; and displays on women in the military, 'Women Ordnance Workers' and women's sports.

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March CAC announces spring cleanup dates, directives

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With spring approaching, warmer issues highlighted the monthly Community Action Council meeting held March 1 in the Edgewood Area Conference Center. Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby chaired the meeting.

The key subject centered on spring cleanup, which begins April 19 and runs through May 10. Irby urged all participants to adhere to their designated time-lines and to make the effort to keep the installation presentable year-round.

“We do this twice a year but we don’t have the manpower to do it on a regular basis, so if you see something out there, just pick it up,” Irby said.

Spring clean up dates
Installation housing areas: April 19 to 26; Re-Nu-It Center equipment issues, April 19, must be returned by noon, April 26. All units and organizations except the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School: April 28 to May 3; Re-Nu-It Center equipment issues, April 28, must be returned by noon, May 3. All OMMS units: May 5 to 10; Re-Nu-It Center equipment issues, May 5, must be returned by noon, May 11.

For further instructions, housing area

residents should contact their area coordinators. All others should contact their unit representative.

Army Emergency Relief

Maj. Anissa McNeill announced that the Army Emergency Relief Fund Drive runs until May 15. Active and retired personnel contributed \$45,000 last year and APG personnel used \$300,000 in AER assistance. Those wishing to contribute to the 2004 campaign may contact McNeill at 410-278-2104; Sgt. 1st Class Lisa R. Fletcha at 410-278-1563; or Marge Fissel, Army Community Service, at 410-278-2508.

Morale Recreation and Welfare

The Plumb Point Golf course will not open for play this year. MWR is reviewing the pricing policy, which may involve a substantial rate increase. Plumb Point Loop will remain a residential area with a conference center.

Exton Golf Course will remain open. Units, organizations and individuals are encouraged to continue using the APG Bowling Center and to plan unit activities there if possible.

The possibility of constructing a motor cross track at APG has been rejected due to a lack of funds. It was noted that the

Fort Campbell, Ky., Motor Cross has been shut down for environmental reasons.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

Medical records belong to the medical treatment facility. Those with military records in their possession should return them to the facility.

Call-in prescriptions will be held for 10 days only, then returned to the shelf.

AAFES

The Edgewood Area Shoppette hours have changed to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary

The Commissary will be open regular Sunday hours on Easter Sunday per a decision by the regional office.

Customers are asked to bear with the ongoing store construction.

The extended-hours test for Sunday was unsuccessful. The commissary has returned to its regular Sunday hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The APG Commissary was selected as the winner of the East Coast Large Commissary competition. DeCA is now inspecting regional winners to select the Best Large Commissary in the country.

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It’s your future, VOTE for it

HST

Americans across the country are now voting in presidential state primaries and anxiously waiting to see what is projected to be a close general election. Although many Soldiers are unable to make it to the polls, the Army has a Voting Assistance Program in place to ensure that Soldiers, their families, and Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas can exercise their right to vote.

Maj. Anissa McNeill, installation voting assistance officer, is working closely with tenant organizations to ensure that Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground are educated about the appropriate forms and procedures in order to ensure that their vote is counted.

“Absentee ballots are requested by filling out the Federal Post Card Application,” McNeill said. “You can get these from your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or download it from the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s Web site, www.fvap.gov.

“Once your FPCA is submitted and approved, you are officially registered to vote in federal, state, and local elections and your absentee ballot will automatically be sent to you.”

The Federal Voting Assistance Program recommends that Soldiers send in their FPCA each year due to frequent address changes for military personnel.

Typically, absentee ballots are mailed out to citizens 30 to 45 days before the election and generally due by close of business on the day of the election. There are some exceptions to this rule so check with a Unit Voting Assistance Officer for details about a specific state.

McNeill also stressed the importance of understanding the laws of residency before registering to vote in a particular state.

“You can only have one legal residence at a time; however, you may change your residency each time you move,” she said.

For specific questions on residency, visit the legal office or the Web site listed above.

For more information, call McNeill at 410-278-3000 or visit her in building 305, garrison headquarters.

New KUSAHC call center eases appointment procedures

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APG News

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic has installed a new call center system that will simplify the appointment-setting process for customers.

The goal is to increase access to KUSAHC’s primary care appointments according to Dave Bish, Access Claim Agent.

“Now customers have only one number to remember no matter what their need is,” Bish said.

By dialing 410-278-KIRK (5475) locally, or 866-756-5475 from outside areas, customers will receive an automated response and speak with a call center operator within seconds. The call center became operational two weeks ago.

He said that the system, which is similar to the one used by Walter Reed Army Medical Center, will speed up the clinics and provide health care providers more time for their patients.

“It’s for all Kirk in-house clinics, for TRICARE information

and for pharmacy refills. A one-stop shop,” Bish adding the service is open to anyone eligible to use the facility.

The call center operating hours are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

An automated greeting will direct customers to call 911 in the event of an emergency. In addition, operators have the capability to change the automated greeting to inform customers of clinic closings for training holidays, snow and installation emergencies.

“This benefits individuals who live greater distances,” Bish said. “They can call ahead and be informed if the facility is closed.

“The peak times are between 7 and 10 a.m. and 1 and 2:30 p.m.,” he said. “Making calls outside these two peak windows should minimize wait times.”

Maj. Henry Jung, KUSAHC deputy commander, said the change came about due to a Department of Defense initiative to

improve medical services.

“This offers us the opportunity to better serve our Soldiers,” Jung said.

The center consists of three separate computer consoles running at the same time, manned by operators who respond to incoming calls. The operators can view a patient’s history, access clinic openings, and respond with the required appointment or information within seconds. In addition, from his office, Bish is able to monitor all activities, including tracking patient’s waiting time, the number of patients waiting to talk, how long they have been waiting, the types of appointments requested and peak hours, which aids in compiling productivity reports.

“This way we can determine if the system is meeting the needs of the community,” Bish said.

Customers may utilize the Quick Dial Guide ‘cutout’ directions below to aid in navigating the KUSAHC call center options.

Call Center Quick Dial Guide

Corrected copy April 1, 2004

After dialing 410-278-KIRK (5475) or 866-756-5475, and listening to the welcome message, the following ‘quick’ codes will assist in navigating the call center options.
To make appointments
Pediatric appointment dial 1-1
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Physical Therapy appointment dial 1-3
Optometry appointment dial 1-4
Physical Exam appointment dial 1-5
Community Mental Health appointment dial 1-6
Aberdeen Area Occupational

Health Clinic appointment dial 1-7-1
Edgewood Area Occupational Health Clinic appointment dial 1-7-2
To leave a message for your provider or check on test results
Pediatrics dial 2-1
GMC 1 dial 2-2
GMC 2 dial 2-3
Troop Medical Clinic dial 2-4.
Clinic Information
For directions dial 3-1
For hours of operation dial 3-2
To renew a prescription with your provider
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To speak to the patient representative dial 5-3
For Dental Clinic information dial 6-1
To speak to someone in the AA Dental Clinic dial 6-2-1
To speak to someone in the EA Dental Clinic dial 6-2-2.

ArmyTimes accepts nominees for Soldier of the Year

ArmyTimes

The Army Times, in association with GNC and Uniformed Services Benefits Association, will present its fourth Annual Army Times Soldier of the Year Award. The Army Times will honor an “everyday hero” of the U.S. Army, one whose efforts unselfishly and consistently go above and beyond the call of duty.

The Army Times Soldier of the Year Winner will be selected from nominations of Soldiers, the readers of the Army Times. Nomination details and ads are available at www.army-times.com/soldier. Nominations must include:

- The nominator’s name, address, commercial phone number and e-mail address.
- Nominee’s name, address and commercial phone number.
- Nominee’s current unit commander’s name, address and commercial phone number.
- In 300 words or more, describe why the nominee deserves this award. Nothing fancy, just make it legible.

- Names and contact information of three people who can verify the achievements of the nominees.
- Nominees must be active duty, Guard or Reserve through Aug. 31, 2004.
- Deadline for nominations is May 7.

Send nominations to Soldier of the Year Award, Army Times, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, VA 22159; fax to Soldier of the Year Award, 703-642-7325; or e-mail www.armytimes.com/soldier, or soldier@army-times.com.

Someone you know deserves this award. It might be a Soldier in your platoon or simply someone you’ve admired from afar (rank is irrelevant).

The Army Times Soldier of the Year winner and honorable mention recipients will be announced in the Army Times on July 5.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii will host the awards ceremony July 8 on Capitol Hill.

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PET OF THE WEEK



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Tahoe would make a faithful friend

Tahoe, a 3 or 4-year old 85-pound male Rottweiler-Shepherd mix, with chocolate and tan markings, is available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. He is big and lovable and needs plenty of room to run around. “Tahoe would make a great guard dog,” said Dodie McMillan, civilian veterinary technician. To see Tahoe and other cats and dogs available for adoption, visit the VTF in building 2479, across from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, or call 410-278-3911. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt a pet.



Photo by
Dr. Robert York, left, chief of the U.S. Army Environmental Center Training Support Division, meets with environmental specialist Billy Ray Scott. York received the U.S. Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service from acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee at a Pentagon ceremony March 12.

AEC civilian's service honored at Pentagon ceremony

Margaret Schnebly
U.S. Army Environmental Center

Many of the Army's environmental accomplishments over the past two decades, especially when it comes to the successful cleanup of hazardous waste sites, can be linked to Dr. Robert J. York. The Army honored York and his valuable contributions March 12 with its highest civilian honorary award, the U.S. Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service. Acting Secretary Les Brownlee presented the honor to York at the Secretary of the Army Awards Ceremony at the Pentagon. Many of York's friends, family, and colleagues from his tenure at the U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency and its successor, the U.S. Army Environmental Center, on Aberdeen Proving Ground, attended the ceremony.

ny. "This award is well deserved," said Randall Cerar, chief of the Environmental Cleanup Division at AEC. Cerar worked for York for more than six years during his AEC career and was onhand at the ceremony. "He is definitely someone I would model myself after. He has integrity and honesty and commitment to doing the right thing for the Army. He deserves this award." York pioneered the design for the Army's first hazardous waste cleanup program, which EPA used as a model during the creation of the Superfund. He managed the Army's first large-scale cleanup of a hazardous waste site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; and he initiated DoD's first Installation Restoration Incineration Pro-

gram to thermally decontaminate soil. York's overall contributions to the Army's environmental cleanup programs have helped clean 82 percent of the 12,000 sites identified for environmental restoration across the nation. In addition, he recently built a new AEC program to provide environmental support to Army training and range operations. "I am honored and humbled to receive this award," York said. "I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the colleagues, mentors, friends, and family members who supported me throughout my career. I could not have won this award without their support." After leaving active duty in 1980, York began a civilian service career at APG, where he was a project manager for Army environmental restora-

tions surveys and projects for the U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency. After the agency became AEC, he served as Environmental Restoration Division chief. He held that post until 2001, when he became chief of the newly established Training Support Division. York has long been recognized as a leader in promoting the Federal Women's Program and was selected in 2001 by APG's FWP as the Most Supportive Supervisor. Some of his previous honors include the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal, the U.S. Army Commendation Medal, and 17 performance awards.

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Community Notes

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



WELCOME TO MOOSEPORT
Friday, April 2, 7 p.m.

Starring: Gene Hackman, Ray Romano

After his term comes to an end, the former president (Hackman) retires to a small New England town. His neighbors convince him to run for mayor, but, in an effort to keep things honest, the owner of the local hardware store (Romano) opts to run against him. Naturally, what should have been a fair race turns into an all-out war. (Rated PG-13)



50 FIRST DATES

Saturday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Starring: Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

Henry Roth (Sandler) is a veterinarian living in Hawaii who enjoys the company of vacationing women. He leaves the playboy life behind after he falls for Lucy (Barrymore), who suffers from short-term memory loss. Since she can never remember meeting him, Henry has to romance Lucy every single day and hope that she falls for him. (PG-13)



CLUB DREAD

Saturday, April 3, 9 p.m.

Starring: Elena Lyons, Dan Montgomery Jr.

Broken Lizard is surrounded by limber, wanton women on a booze-soaked island resort owned by Coconut Pete, a rock star has-been.

But the non-stop party takes a turn for the weird when dead bodies start turning up. (Rated R)

SATURDAY APRIL 3 SPRING RETREAT - GROWING WITH ART

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring Spring Retreat - Growing with Art, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 14 to adult.

Join certified ArtTherapist, Angela Bancroft, to welcome spring with a self-renewal and discovery. Just as nature comes alive in spring, participants too can begin their own spring awakening by connecting with nature through art. This program will engage participants in the symphony of nature and art to create their

own retreat. No previous art experience required.

The fee is \$16. Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688.

SUNDAY APRIL 11 ANNUAL VFW CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located on 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will sponsor its annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

TUESDAY APRIL 13 VA HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SEMINAR

The Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System, in cooperation with the Chesapeake Health Education Program will host a VA Health Care Eligibility and Veterans Benefits Seminar, 8:30 a.m. at the Perry Point VA Medical Center, building 314. The program is free and will provide an overview of VA programs and services to community social workers, counselors and other health

care providers for assistance in referring veterans to VA facilities.

For more information, call Sandra Pollard at 410-642-2411, extension 6096 or register online at www.chap-inc.org/edu/course.asp?id=04-0001.

VFW MEETING Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located on 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

TUESDAY APRIL 20 VFW LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The Charlton-Miller VFW Ladies Auxiliary, located on 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21 DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will sponsor the annual National Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance, themed "For Justice and Humanity," 10 a.m., at the Post Theater. Guest speaker will be Felix Kestinberg, a

Holocaust survivor.

For more information, call the APG EO Advisor at 410-278-1534.

FRIDAY APRIL 23 BULL & OYSTER ROAST

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will hold its 10th annual Bull and Oyster Roast to benefit the Conservancy and the Skipjack Martha Lewis, 7 to 11 p.m. at Frank Hutchins Park in Havre de Grace. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Guests will enjoy an all-you-can-eat raw bar featuring fresh oysters and clams, pit beef, smoked ham and turkey, fried oysters, shrimp gumbo, and more - catered by Monaghan's Pub of Baltimore. Beverages will include all you can drink draught beer, iced tea, regular and diet soda. A cash bar will also be available.

Music will be provided by SuperStar DJ's, and an auction and raffles will be conducted.

Tickets cost \$35 person and can be purchased via credit card by calling 410-939-4078 or by visiting one of the following Havre de Grace businesses: Amanda's Florist, Java by the Bay, Bank of Memories, NBR Financial, or Mystique.

The Vandiver Inn will offer special room rates for those wanting to spend the night. For more information, call John at 410-939-5200.

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. is a non-profit organization that operates and maintains the Skipjack Martha Lewis, a v-bottom, two sail skipjack built in 1955. The organization provides Discovery Classroom tours for school children and is available for private and corporate charters.

For more information, visit Web site, <http://www.skipjackmarthalewis.org>.

FRIDAY MAY 7 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, and no dance lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

SATURDAY MAY 15 SPRING FLING/YARD SALE

VFW Auxiliary 5337 will hold a Spring Fling/Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at VFW Auxiliary 3705 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon. Tables rent for \$7.50 each. Yard sale items include T-shirts, raffles, flowers and novelties.

Baked goods, pit beef and drinks will be available. Proceeds support veterans, troops in Iraq, youth activities at local schools and the community.

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Discipleship Training	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.

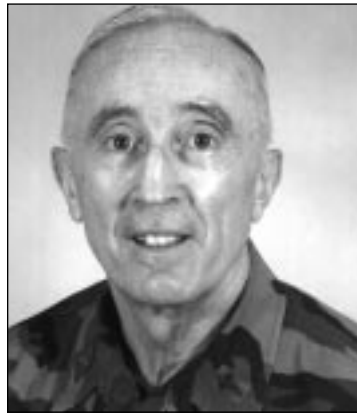
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The APG Forum

Commentary: Warriors for justice



Chap. (Maj.) Joseph L. Di Gregorio
USAGAPG

It has not escaped the notice of men and women in uniform that quite a number of religious leaders in civilian life have been outspoken opponents of war against Saddam

Hussein. None of the chaplains I know or have spoken to would directly criticize their anti-war civilian colleagues. Yet some did say the clerical pacifism leaves many Soldiers angry, confused, betrayed and even spiteful toward faith.

These pronouncements tend to reinforce the notion that religion is for wimps, for frilly suited morons; and those are among the more gentle statements one hears.

As men and women of faith deliberate the morality of war with Iraq, it is a travesty that more of them haven't had the perspective of military chaplains; that virtually the only religious voices heard in the public square are coming from the anti-war corner.

The divide between mili-

tary and civilian clergy over the Iraq war is philosophically very deep. It cuts to the core of one's belief in evil and the nature of human beings. Military chaplains who have been with American troops in war zones have seen a side of humanity that bishops in well-appointed chanceries and pastors sitting in suburban middle-class comfort, pondering therapeutic approaches to the mystery of iniquity never see.

This is what Philip M. Hannan, the retired Catholic archbishop of New Orleans and a World War II military chaplain, was getting at last fall when he criticized his fellow bishops for their pacifist pronouncements on the Iraq war.

Hannan, 89, who was with Soldiers when they liberated

two concentration camps, remarked at the time that the bishops had no experience with tyranny and had no idea how to cope with it.

"I've stared into the face of evil," said Chap. Vince Inghilterra, who will soon take over as chief chaplain for the U.S. armed forces in Europe and the Middle East.

"We chaplains have actually seen the oppression, the devastation, the hopelessness, the absolute inexplicable, irrational hatred a person can have against another human being. It astounds me. But evil definitely exists, and what we are dealing with in this Middle East situation is evil. There's only one way to deal with that kind of evil, and that's to confront it, with force if neces-

sary."

Some chaplains say the failure of contemporary American society to grasp the true nature of the evil we face means the country is spiritually unprepared for war and its sacrifices.

The civilian clergy is not particularly helpful on this point.

"There are a lot of people living in denial, even though right now there are high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles with Stinger missiles patrolling Washington, said one experienced chaplain. "The battlefield is now here at home. And it's going to get worse before it gets better."

Military clergy have been dealing with this chasm in understanding with their civil-

ian counterparts since at least the Vietnam era.

When Father Vincent Capodanno, a Maryknoll priest, returned from a year spent ministering on the battlefields of Southeast Asia, his fellow Maryknollers greeted him with indifference at best and scorn at worst.

"They didn't want to hear about it. They didn't know and they didn't want to know because they were anti-war," said Chap. Daniel Mode, Capodanno's biographer. Capodanno immediately wanted to go back and be with his men. Capodanno did go back. He died on the battlefield serving the needs of his men. For that he received the Medal of Honor.

Commentary: Manager's styles determine life of company



John Brand
ARL

"Decline is not inevitable—only probable," (p. 165.)

This 'little' book, "Barbarians to Bureaucrats—Corporate Life Cycle Strategies," by Lawrence M. Miller, proposes that organizations evolve and are likely to decline, but need not—hardly a new point of view.

Nevertheless, there is a great deal of value here. The basic thesis is that managers can be roughly grouped into a few categories, and these determine the evolutionary state of the company. They range from prophet to aristocrat and, ultimately, synergist.

The corporate life cycle is tied to these rough and evocatively named categories. Examples are given, which are dated but probably still valid.

It would be interesting to see an update of the book to accommodate the 90s. Nevertheless, the description of the evolution of companies under the influence of the managers is brilliantly clear.

This is a practical book, too. The author provides pithy advice for the employee in how to recognize what kind of company they work for and how to deal with the different kinds of managers, either as an employee or as a supervisor.

"If you work for an Aristocrat...if possible, quit... If an Aristocrat works for you...you should be ashamed of yourself. Why is he there?" (pages 155-156).

This book is a must read.

Although somewhat dated—it was published in 1990—the book still seems to hold water pretty well.

It was so good that when I took it home to read I couldn't get it out of my sweet-heart's hands long enough to do so until she bought her own copy. It is well worth it.

Commentary: The meaning of Easter

Chap. (Maj.) Joseph L. Di Gregorio
USAGAPG

On Easter Sunday we once again affirm our faith in immortality, in life after death.

Despite a this-world-only mentality, the age-old religious belief in immortality is alive and well.

Raymond Moody in his book, "Life After Life," describes incidents of people who were declared clinically dead, who were at death's door, telling of their experience of the beyond.

"I viewed my body from the back. I still felt as though I had an entire body, while I was outside my body. I had an airy feeling that was indescribable."

"They were all people I had known in my past life, but who had passed on before. I recognized my grandmother and a girl whom I had known when I was in school. I mainly saw their faces and felt their presence."

"I could see this light. It grew larger as I drew near it. I felt that it was the Christ".

Such statements may not scientifically prove that we are immortal. They do, however, resound with the centuries-old-Easter faith.

Political and military leaders have always found ways to assure secular immortality - a hint of the hunger for real immortality. Pharaohs built pyramids; American presidents build libraries.

Religious faith is not opposed to

monuments for the dead, as long as the builders recall that the dead have gone to immortal life in the beyond. Every church building is a testimony to the resurrection of the Lord who conquered death and reminds us that the future is ours after death.

The world continues to seek other routes to immortality. Some people put their trust in ice pack science or cryogenics. Here, one commits one's body to the refrigerator, anticipating a reawakening when medicine has found a cure for the disease that killed him. The Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon wasted his time looking for the fountain of youth, an elixir of immortality.

Images are fine as long as they point to the real Easter. St. Paul is not above using the symbols of yeast and flour dough. Unleavened bread isn't his point. New life in Christ is.

Easter has a double message: Life exists after life. Immortality is ours in Christ, and life exists within this life.

Our Easter life has already begun in our baptism. It calls for moral and grace filled living now - a logical preface to grace filled resurrection hereafter. Our approach to Easter must be one of faith. We may be comforted by secular hints and worldly images. In the end, however, we are asked to believe simply and straightforwardly.

Christ, indeed, has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. His gift to us is an eternity with Him. God bless you.

Lenten schedule

Devotions

Palm Sunday services April 4

AA Chapel, 10:15 a.m.

EA Chapel, 9:15 a.m.

Living Last Supper

April 8, 7 a.m., AA Chapel

Easter Sunrise service at Fanshaw Field

April 11, 7 a.m.

Easter services

April 11, 10:15 a.m., AA Chapel; 9:15 a.m. at EA Chapel.

Catholic community

Daily mass

EA and AA Chapel, 11:45 a.m.

Weekend mass schedule

AA Chapel

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

EA Chapel

Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

Confessions heard 30 minutes before mass; anytime by appointment

AA Chapel

Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. every Wednesday, EA Chapel

Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. every Thursday,

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

April 4, palms distributed at all masses

EA Chapel

Tenebrae service 7 p.m., April 6,

confessions heard afterwards

Solemn Holy Thursday service, 7 p.m., April 8,

Good Friday service, 11:45 a.m., April 9,

AA Chapel

Tenebrae service on 7 p.m., April 7; confessions heard afterwards

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, noon

Solemn Holy Saturday service, 7 p.m., April 10

POST SHORTS

From front page

call Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1159.

Hydrant flushing continues

Fire hydrant flushing in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground started during March and will continue into April.

The City of Aberdeen, owners of the Aberdeen Area water distribution utility system, will perform the fire hydrant flushing between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight.

Signs will be posted at the Family Housing Areas while flushing is being performed.

The Directorate of Installation Operations will flush the fire hydrants in the Edgewood Area of APG between 3 and 7 a.m.

Should a resident's water become discolored during the flushing, turn on all inside water faucets and run the water until it clears up.

For more information, call Hank Selke, City of Aberdeen,

410-272-1449, Linda Kimmel, Aberdeen Area, 410-278-0400, or Ron Gentry, Edgewood Area, 410-436-2196.

Employer showcase comes to APG

The Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program will host an Employer Showcase, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 7 at the APG Job Information Center, ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road, Rooms 103 and 104.

Worthington Armstrong Venture is moving to the Perryman area and will begin staffing in May.

Job openings include operator, material handler, electrician, mechanical maintenance and tool and die maker.

Excellent benefits package includes flexible spending accounts, tuition reimbursement plans and more. Resumes recommended.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

ARL to host Days of Remembrance

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Guest speaker will be Felix

Kestenberg, a Holocaust survivor. For more information, call the APG EO Advisor at 410-278-1534.

Reunion of 3650th Basic Military Training Wing

A reunion will be held at Sampson Air Force Base, now known as Sampson State Park, on Seneca Lake, Romulus, New York, Sept. 9 through 12, for all veterans, permanent party, Women's Air Force, basic trainees and Special School trainees of the 3650th Basic Military Training Wing, Sampson Air Force Base, 1950 thru 1956.

For more information, contact Chip Phillips, P.O. Box 331, Williamsville, NY 14231-0331.

Volunteer of the Year nominations

The annual Volunteer of the Year ceremony will be held on 7 p.m., April 29, at Top of the Bay. The Volunteer of the Year ceremony recognizes exemplary achievement in volunteer service at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Organizations and units may submit only two nominations in each of the following five categories: Military (active duty, reserve, national guard), Family Member (19 years of age or older), Retiree (military or civilian), Civilian

(APG civilian employees only), and Youth (18 years of age or younger). Service must have been performed any time from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2003.

Nominations and proposed citations must be received at the Army Community Service Volunteer Services Office, building 2754, room 203; faxed to 410-306-2293; or e-mailed by March 25 to marilyn.howard@usag.apg.army.mil.

For more information on the nomination process, call Marilyn Howard, ACS volunteer coordinator at 410-278-9669.

MCSC news

The membership year for the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club has reached it's half way mark and is now offering half price membership.

For more information on events listed below, or to join, visit www.apgmcsc.org.

The club will sponsor its first annual Charity Golf Scramble, April 30.

Proceeds from this event will raise funds for scholarship awards, and support welfare requests from Aberdeen and Edgewood Area organizations, including organizations in the surrounding and supporting communities.

Players for the golf scramble are requested from AA and EA organizations.

Cost to enter is \$450 per

each six-member team (\$75 per player).

The entry fee includes greens fees, cart rental, goodie bag, awards lunch and prizes.

Registration deadline is April 16.

Sponsorships are also available.

For more information or to register, call Amy Carlson at 410-939-6429 or Katie McDonald at 410-273-7477.

MCSC will sponsor a Women's Conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 17, at the Gunpowder Club in Edgewood Area of APG.

Membership in the MCSC is not required. Cost is \$10 per person; registration is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The deadline for registration is April 2.

No children are allowed (including infants) and no childcare will be available. Participants may not register the day of the conference.

Registration forms are available at the APG Thrift Shop, ACS building 2754, or visit www.apgmcsc.org

The MCSC is accepting applications for scholarships until April 1.

Applications are available at Web site www.apgmcsc.org. The club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring.

Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing by today.

Include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number).

Requests must be postmarked by April 1.

Submit requests to MCSC Welfare Chairperson, #3 Plumb Point Loop, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005, or welfare@apgmcsc.org

Annual Security Awareness Training

The APG Intelligence Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security will present the Annual Security Awareness Training Program at the Post Theater and at the Edgewood Area

Conference Center, building E-4810 over a 14-week period beginning June 1. Dates for training are available at the *APG News* Web site, www.apgnews.apg.army.mil and will be published in a future edition of *APG News*.

Attendance is limited to government and contractor personnel and training is classified as FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

Family members are not permitted at these briefings.

For more information, call Pete Leon Guerrero, 410-278-5348/7339/3187.

Fact of the week

To reduce solid waste, purchase products that can be recycled and be sure to recycle them.

APG Pollution Prevention Program



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

MWR has a very exciting and entertaining events planned for APG. Upcoming concerts include the Miller Lite

Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry, and Blue County on July 17 and Shirley Caesar returns to APG for another

concert July 18. To learn more, visit <http://www.apg-mwr.com>.

Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

Youth Sports Camp

This three-week class for youths ages 10 to 16 will attune them for team and individual sports by learning the proper skill techniques required to perform at their best. This is an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and competence required to play with the confidence needed to achieve success. This class will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 3 to 17, at the APG Athletic Center. Cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. Register at CYS, building 2752.

This is a partnership program with Child and Youth Services, School Liaison and Youth Education.

A taste of the Eastern Shore

Savor the scenery along the Choptank River in Hurlock, Md., April 28, while enjoying Eastern Shore style fried

chicken and crab cake luncheon aboard the Dorothy and Megan Riverboat. Cost of the trip is \$45 per person and includes transportation, lunch and dinner. Register by April 1. The bus departs 8:45 a.m. and returns 6:30 p.m.

Oh, Shenandoah

Take a trip to the Shenandoah Mountains May 17 through 20. The package includes three nights lodging, three breakfasts and dinners, one lunch at Michael's Tavern, a tour of the Shenandoah caverns, Monticello, Frontier Culture Museum, New Market Battlefield and Bushlong Farms, Hall of Valor, and Walton's Mountain Tour and Museum. All taxes and gratuities, luggage handling and motorcoach transportation are included. Register by April 2. Cost is \$399 for doubles and \$498 for singles.

Link up 2 Golf - Beginner Golf

The classes will consists of seven hours of instruction time, three on-course playing experience with instructor, rental club usage, range balls, greens fee and cart fee during on-course experience sessions, and 15 free baskets of range balls for outside class practice time.

There are two classes to

choose from: Tuesdays, April 13 through May 18, register by April 6 and Fridays, April 16 to May 21, register by April 16. Class will begin 5:30 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course.

Cost for E1-E5 is \$85; E6-O3, \$99; O4 through O10 and Department of Defense civilians, \$109 and the public cost is \$129.

The Body, Mind, Inner Self

Every Thursday, April 15 through May 20, enjoy body-mind-inner self healing. Relax and laugh while exploring the world of dreams, meditations, energy balancing and happiness. Participants should wear comfortable clothing. Register by April 8. Cost is \$50.

Violent Cosmos: A Guided Tour

Take a trip around the universe exploring and viewing exploding stars and black holes. Experience the wonder and awe of the evolution of star formations, including their violent ends. Class will be held April 17 or 27 at the Russell Gym. Register by April 8. Cost is \$10; children 12 years old and under are free with paying adult.

Mother's Day Basket Bingo

A Mother's Day Basket Bingo will be held May 7 at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Drinks and food will be available. Cost is \$10. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration or at the door.

APG Arm Wrestling Championship

An event of skill, strength, and endurance which will challenge a competitor's will to win like no other competition will be held 6 to 11 p.m., April 9 at the AA Recreation Center. This will be a round-robin competition based on the point system.

The first competitor to score a pin or parallel pin on the touch pad wins. Ties will be broken by sudden death overtime. Work Arm Wrestling Federation rules will apply. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Register by April 9. Cost is \$10 per person.

Lakes of New York

Stay three nights at Lake George and Lake Placid, N.Y. including three breakfast buffets, a dinner at Lake George dinner theater, a 2.5-hour cruise aboard the Lac du St. Sacrement, and more. Trip is scheduled for May 24 through 27. Cost is \$449 for doubles and \$539 for singles. Register by April 9.

Readying for the 2004 golf season

Tom Green
MWR

Spring greetings to everyone from the golf program. Throughout winter there have been some developments in the world of golf and the world of Aberdeen Proving Ground golf.

In the larger golf world, the U.S. Golf Association made some interesting equipment rule decisions: maximum driver head size is 460 cubic centimeters (cc), maximum length of a driver is 48 inches (in the normal hitting position) and maximum tee length is 4 inches. There were also some rules of the game changes, but nothing major. For more information on either, stop by and see a member of the MWR professional golf staff or go to the USGA's Web site, www.usga.org.

In APG golf news, Plumb Point Golf Course is permanently closed. This was a difficult decision, but in light of the state of business after 9-11, gate access concerns and the poor weather of 2003, it did not prove financially successful to keep the course open.

Exton Golf Course will also shorten to seasonal operations in future years. Ruggles Golf Course will remain open all year as long as the weather allows play. A great season of events and projects is planned to include the re-naturalization of out-of-play areas at Ruggles will commence, a great calendar of tournaments, the return of the Buddy, Match Play and Tragemann Tournaments.

As the April showers end and the May flowers bloom, there are some things golfers can do to prepare for the best part of the golf season: stretch, cardiovascular exercise, swing indoors, preferably with a weighted swing trainer, and visit a hitting range.

Stretching

This is the single most important thing a golfer can do to benefit his or her swing on an ongoing basis. A television announcer recently said that Tiger Woods spends 2 to 3 hours a day stretching and then works out with weights. A Web site that shows golf stretching exercises is www.findalesson.com/stretching.htm.

Cardiovascular exercise

This can be as simple as taking a 15 to 20 minute walk around the neighborhood or if the weather is bad outside, mall walking is very popular. Many area malls allow people to walk during the few hours before the stores open in the heated and not snowy hallways. All of the gyms and fitness centers have a wide assortment of cardio equipment such as treadmills, stair machines, stationary bicycles helping to build strength and stamina, and, help lose those extra pounds gained during the holiday season.

Swing indoors, preferably with a weighted swing trainer. The swing trainer is a very helpful device that helps simulate the release in a real golf swing. The added weight helps strengthen the "golf specific" muscles. Some swing trainers are the Protator, the Medicus, and the Momentum, but there are many different trainers on the market.

Visiting an indoor range

Finally, golfers with the time should visit a driving range on the good weather days and practice.

For more information, call 410-278-4794. For information about one of the fitness centers or gyms on APG, call Jeff Pettitway at 410-278-7933 or Gwyn Dolzine at 410-278-9725.

Check the MWR page activities section of the *APG News* weekly for news on upcoming golf events.

Family Child Care to hold training in EA



Family Child Care training will be conducted April 19 through 23, at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1671. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based child care, especially infant care, are encouraged to apply.

Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits including self employment; free training in a marketable profession; transferable credit to Army installations worldwide; free use of lend-

ing library; free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes); participation in the National CDA credential program; and participation in the USDA food program.

Providers are needed in both the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas.

For more information, call the FCC Office, 410-278-7477/8720.

ACM nominates Montgomery Gentry/Blue County for Top Country Duo

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Academy of Country Music has nominated both of the upcoming Army Concert Tour acts to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Montgomery Gentry and Blue County, for the Top Vocal Duo award.

Montgomery Gentry also is nominated for Vocal Event of the Year for "The Truth About Men" with Tracy Byrd, Andy Griggs and Blake Shelton. The duo won the ACM's Top New Vocal Duo in 1993.

Blue County received the nod for its hit single, "Good Little Girls."

Also nominated for the honor are Brooks & Dunn, The Bellamy Brothers,

and the Warren Brothers.

The 39th Annual ACM Awards airs May 26, 8 p.m. on CBS.

Montgomery Gentry and Blue County perform at APG July 17.

Military friendly

Aberdeen Proving Ground won't be the first military entertainment stop for Montgomery Gentry. The duo, featuring Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry perform at Fort Sill, Okla. July 2, Fort Leonard Wood Mo. July 3; and Fort Knox, Ky. July 4 before heading to APG.

In July 2003, as thanks for their support of America's armed forces, Sgt. John White of the 1st Marine Expeditionary

Force presented the group with a flag that flew over seven sites in Iraq. Montgomery Gentry thanked White with the song "Didn't I" a tribute to military veterans. The duo also sang the national anthem at the Brickyard 400 that same month.

On Feb. 19, Montgomery Gentry was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and presented the Kentucky Entertainer of the Year Award.

"What a special honor. We are just country boys doing what we love to do and we're proud to say we're from Kentucky any chance we get," Eddie said.

"It is such and honor to be recognized as entertainers - especially from our home state," Troy added.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

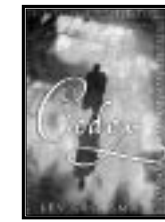
Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-436-3589.

The following new books are available at the APG MWR libraries:



Death by Dickens edited by Anne Perry

Ten of today's masters of mystery pay homage to Charles Dickens with this original anthology of stories starring some of literature's most famous characters including Mr. Pickwick, Sydney Carton, and Ebenezer Scrooge.



Codex by Lev Grossman

Scarecrow by Matthew Reilly

Shadow Account by Stephen Frey



A Blessed Event by Jean Reynolds Page

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

Nominees for Nonappropriated Fund Employee of the Year

The 9th annual Nonappropriated Fund Employee of the Year Awards ceremony will be held at 2 p.m., April 13 at Top of the Bay. For more information, call 410-278-8993/8976.

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SEARCHING FOR A COLLEGE

Future high school graduates can find their dream college by visiting www.fastweb.com. This Web site offers a free customized college search, free scholarship search, top 10 admission tips, and other valuable resources to assist students for college.

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FINANCIAL AID 101

Here is a look at some of the types of financial aid available to help pay for college. Grants and

Scholarships are funds that don't have to be repaid and are based on financial need, merit, special activities or a combination. They are provided by the federal government, schools and private sponsors.

Work-study programs are set up to help the student earn financial aid by working on or off campus.

The federal government offers a variety of low-interest loans that have to be paid back over time such as the Stafford Loan, the Perkins Loan (for students with exceptional financial need), and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students.

Other ways a student can help pay for college include The Corporation for National Service, which offers funding in exchange for volunteer service.

For more information, visit www.cns.gov.

Montgomery Gentry Concert coming July 17 Special ticket price for one week

The Miller Lite Army Concert Tour featuring Montgomery Gentry with special guest, Blue County is set for July 17, 6:30 p.m. on Shine Sports Field.

Tickets for the rain-or-shine event will be offered at a special sale price of \$10 for one week only, April 2 to 9.

Tickets are available at MWR Registration in building 3326, or by calling 410-278-4907/4011; or in the Edgewood Area Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134. For more information email MWR_Registration@usag.apg.army.mil or visit the MWR Web site at: www.apgmwr.com.

CAC

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The commissary has received 25 scholarship applications. The winners will be announced in June.

Chaplains

The new installation chaplain is Col. William D. Willett, Catholic priest. Lt. Col. Carol VanSchenk Hof has been reassigned as the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command chaplain.

Directorate of Community and Family Activities

Of the 91 issues identified during the Army Family Action Plan Symposium, 81 have been answered.

Operations

Ordnance Week activities are scheduled for May 11 to 15.

Army Family Team Building

AFTB will be providing computer training for Soldiers and families. Check the *APG News* for dates. Only levels I and II training are available at APG. The DCFA is looking into adding levels III, IV and V.

DIO

Parts are on order to repair the blinking traffic light at the Post Exchange.

Annual maintenance contracts for potholes, curbing and striping repairs that were damaged during the winter, are underway.

Retiree council

Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for Nov. 6, 8 a.m. to noon at the Aberdeen Area

Recreation Center.

Flotilla 13-04, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, has received six additional missions regarding Homeland Security. Therefore, assistance is needed in moving the antenna from the old building, E-4786 to the new building, E-5137, so members can resume their normal operations in support of maritime activities in the northern reaches of the Chesapeake Bay.

Staff Judge Advocate

The installation Tax Center, which opened Feb. 2, processed 650 returns in its first week, with an average refund of \$1,400. The Tax Center is located in building 310, second floor. To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-1208.

MCSC

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is hosting the APG Women's Conference, April 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club. A series of workshops designed to uplift, enlighten, motivate and strengthen women in their various roles is planned. The cost is \$10 and registration is first come, first served. For more information, visit the MCSC Web site at www.apgmcsc.org.

MCSC will host its 1st Annual Golf Scramble at Ruggles Golf Course, April 30. An entry fee of \$75 includes green fees, cart rental, goodie bags, awards, lunch, and prizes.

The next CAC is 1:30 p.m., April 8, in the garrison conference room, building 305.

AEC

From front page

has built with the Edgewood Elementary faculty and students demonstrates for the local community that the Army cares for the environment and is committed to helping its neighbors.

"We want to set the example for other Army commands to follow. We don't want to just talk about environmental stewardship; we want to lead the way," De Paz said.

And, the partnership does lead the way. The Army's "Award of Distinction" is presented to the community relations program that best exemplifies the service's positive interactions with its local community said Bob DiMichele, public affairs officer for AEC.

"This award basically says that it was the Army's best practice in community relations anywhere in the world during 2003," DiMichele said.

The intent of the partnership is to support the educational experience of Edgewood Elementary School students while fostering community good will.

The center sponsors the partnership, but it is not the lone organization on Aberdeen Proving Ground providing support to the school.

"We provide a lot of direct support in reading and science through AEC volunteers, but it is really important to the success of the program for other APG tenants to get involved," De Paz said.

For example, volunteers

from the U.S Army Ordnance Center and Schools; the Program Executive Officer for Chemical Biological Defense, Program ManSmoke and the Chemical Biological Detection Team; the Program Manager for NBC Defense Systems; the APG garrison staff; and the 143rd Ordnance Battalion have participated in school educational events by providing displays, demonstrations and expertise.

Success of the partnership also depends on the support of the school's leadership.

Allyn Watson, principal at Edgewood Elementary, earned Maryland's "Principal of the Year" award for elementary and middle schools in 2003.

Donna Lewis, her assistant, earned runner-up status for Maryland's "Assistant Principal of the Year" last year.

"That kind of leadership makes a positive difference for every student that attends Edgewood Elementary," DiMichele said. "They push us to excel so that their students can excel. I've run similar school programs for the Army, and this school is by far the best. Its teachers, its students, the facility itself...Edgewood Elementary is an asset to our community."

In addition to the community relations award, the school partnership program also earned recognition from the Harford County Human Relations Commission. AEC will be one of 19 groups honored for community service in the county at a ceremony hosted by County Executive James Harkins April 15.

Screening

From front page

may be at particular risk for problems with alcohol.

The event includes not only a written screening questionnaire using a valid, reliable screening instrument, but also an opportunity for participants to accrue referrals and further evaluation and/or treatment if appropriate.

The video, "Where Do You Draw The Line?," will be shown at each screening site. Additionally, it will be shown on APG Channel 21 each day at 10 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m., April

5 through 9. Organizations wishing to view the video as part of their required ASAP training credit should forward a request to the ASAP office.

Jareta Coyle, the Aberdeen Alcohol and Drug Control officer, "encourages all community members to stop in the AA PX or the EA Shoppette on April 8, meet the ASAP staff, and take advantage of the opportunity to increase their knowledge of alcohol related problems."

For more information on National Alcohol Screening Day or any other substance abuse issues, call the ASAP staff at 410-278-3784 or visit building 2477.

FCC Gym Day taped for Kinderman TV show

Story and photo by
Meghan Bowen
APG News

Kinderman captured the hearts and minds of Aberdeen Proving Ground youths with song and dance at the Family Child Care Gym Day held March 18 in the Aberdeen Youth Services building.

Approximately 90 FCC and Aberdeen Area Child Development Center children, parents, providers and caregivers attended Kinderman’s show, which was taped for a future broadcast on WMAR-ABC channel 2 or 12 on cable. The airdate has yet to be scheduled.

The children ranged in age from six weeks to seven years, according to Penny Branham, FCC director.

“Kinderman has been contracted and performed in the past [November 2003] with overwhelming success and response from our FCC providers and parents,” said Branham. “The children thoroughly enjoy his performances,” she said.

Kinderman warmed the kids up with his medley of songs that taught the values of counting and friendship.

“Friends! Friends! One, two, three. All my friends are here with me,” sang Kinderman with the enthusias-

tic audience.

Two other songs taught new languages to the children. One song included the Spanish translations for everyday items like “zapatos,” which means “shoes”.

Another song fused the spoken word with the silent gestures of sign language. Kinderman taught the children how to say, “I feel beautiful; I feel handsome; I feel pretty and I love you” with hand motions while they sang the words.

The children also sang about different colors illustrated by poster boards that displayed Kinderman’s face wearing a derby hat of each hue.

Then, the children were swept away by the red, black and white polka dot blur of Kinderman as he danced.

The audience turned into a sea of waving hands and dancing legs as Kinderman spread his message of learning through movement.

The man behind the dance

Kinderman, also known as John Taylor, has been dancing since birth.

“The doctor’s said I danced right out of the womb,” Taylor said.

Kinderman’s mother was an avid acrobatic dancer, who

tragically tore a ligament, rendering her unable to continue to dance.

“She always hoped that one of her children would carry on her legacy,” he said.

Taylor fulfilled his mother’s dance dream by becoming a proficient modern, jazz, ballroom, ballet and Afro-Cuban dancer.

Taylor also became proficient at African dancing, under the instruction of Ola Tunga, a drummer from Africa.

Tunga taught Taylor the “Funga Alase,” a prayer dance performed every morning to get rid of the negative spirits collected over the previous day as well as to send everyone off with joy, love and happiness for the new day.

Kinderman, a Baltimore native, created a local legacy in dance over the past few decades. He was a member of the Columbia Dance Theater for 5 years, taught a Model Citizen Program at Dunbar High School, and taught aerobics and disco on a local show in 1978 called “People Are Talking” hosted by Richard Sher and Oprah Winfrey on WJZ 13.

In 1981, Taylor also developed a curriculum for the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, a Virginia center that offers a wide vari-



Kinderman sings songs with hand motions with children, parents and providers to promote learning through movement at the Family Child Care Gym Day in the Aberdeen Youth Services building March 18.

ety of education programs for people of all ages throughout the local and national communities.

In spring 1997, Taylor launched his Emmy award winning Saturday morning children’s TV show called “Kindertime with the Kinderman.”

FCC and Kinderman

In November the center contracted with Kinderman to use his CD’s and music books for the child care providers to

train the children with after his program, according to Beverly Hartgrove, FCC training and curriculum specialist.

“The objective for this training was to make instruments...to facilitate the integration of movement and learning in our developmental programming,” Branham said.

The FCC Gym days run from November through the

end of April during the colder months when children are limited to indoor activities, Hartgrove said.

This was Kinderman’s last Gym Day performance for the year. However, he will appear at the FCC Stand for Children Day on June 30.

For more information about Kinderman, visit his Web site at <http://www.kinderman.us>.

DTC to host Industry Day, Test Technology Symposium

Bob McDaniel
DTC

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command is taking its annual Test Technology Symposium, or TTS 2004, and Industry Day programs to San Diego, Calif., April 27 for Industry Day and April 28 and 29 for TTS-2004.

Industry Day offers the opportunity for contractors to learn about technology needs of the test community. The symposium expands on the concept of distributed testing, which was featured at TTS 2003.

The selection of the west coast site emphasizes the joint service aspect making the symposium convenient for key Navy and Air Force agencies that are exerting major efforts to enable testing of net-centric warfare concepts.

TTS 2004 will contribute to the building and reinforcement of partnerships among Department of Defense acquisition organizations, and will promote experimentation, testing and training under the most realistic battlefield conditions; i.e. as a joint force. Direction from the very top of the Defense Department is asking for a new approach to development, testing and training to provide a battlefield information network that will enable Army, Navy and Air Force units to fight as a team. The testers must respond by developing distributed networks which will enable testing as a team. The symposium is designed to build the framework to do this.

The symposium program has been structured to explore joint

or multi-service testing techniques and joint evaluation of technical and operational concepts. It is the ideal forum for attendees to interface with their peers across service lines and to recommend improvements to the process. Developers, testers, evaluators, trainers, contractors and academicians are encouraged to attend and showcase the facilities, technologies and procedures that will contribute to meeting the joint goals.

Speakers from top policy level to field operators will describe successes and lessons learned through experimentation and joint testing.

The invited symposium keynote speakers are Walter Hollis, deputy under secretary of the Army (operations research) and Brent Bennitt, vice president of General Dynamics Corporation’s Advanced Information Engineering and former vice admiral in charge of Navy air operations in the Pacific.

The TTS 2004 will promote sharing of information on the tools needed to make joint distributed testing work.

The two-day program will consist of three sessions: Joint Warfare Policy and its Effect on Future Testing and Training; Distributed Applications to Testing and Training; and Session Technologies to Meet Joint Warfighter Requirements.

The symposium will conclude with a joint service executive panel that will promulgate policy and respond to conferee questions.

The symposium welcomes exhibitors at no cost, and over 60 exhibitors are expected to show their wares and be available for

one-on-one discussions with attendees.

The exhibit area will be the site for catered receptions following the programs on April 27 and April 28.

Registrants will have the opportunity to tour one of the news making aircraft carriers in the fleet in the morning of April 30. Those who sign up will go on-board the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), which launched many of the planes during the Middle East conflict and is back home in San Diego.

Facilities

The location chosen for Industry Day and TTS 2004 is the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, a resort property in Mission Valley just north of San Diego. The facility has meeting rooms and amenities to support a large conference, with 1,000 guest rooms and 165,000 square feet of meeting/exhibit space. Five on-site restaurants offer fine dining to casual fare. Less than a chip shot away is the Riverwalk Golf Club, a 27-hole championship golf course. Just across the street is San Diego’s premiere shopping mall, Fashion Valley.

Symposium sponsors arranged a special guest room rate for the symposium that matches the prevailing government per diem of \$110 per night.

For more details, including an opportunity for electronic registration visit the DTC Web site, www.dtc.army.mil.

Army News

Female Soldiers: fighting, dying for their country

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Through the course of liberating Iraq, female Soldiers have conducted air missions, kicked down doors, disarmed mines and shed their own blood. Sixteen female Soldiers have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When 19-year-old Pfc. Rachel Bosveld found out that she was going to Iraq she said, “‘Dad I get to go,’ not I have to go,” her father, Marvin Bosveld, recounted from Wisconsin.

“She was proud and excited about going to battle for her country.”

Bosveld was a military police officer with the 527th MP Company out of Giessen, Germany. She narrowly escaped death Sept. 12, when her high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade when her team came under fire. She sent her brother, Craig Bosveld, an e-mail describing the event.

“It was loud, there was shouting, my team leader’s seat was on fire. I found my seatbelt, but it was stuck. .Okay, the door. Open the door. Just my luck, a 400-pound door is stuck. First the seatbelt, now this. More shouting. Seems so far away, like a voice at the end of a tunnel. Got to get the door open or we’re going to die.”

Bosveld escaped that ambush, but was killed Oct. 26, in a mortar attack on the Baghdad Police Station.

A violinist and soccer player in high school, Bosveld didn’t take a backseat to any one, Marvin said.

She would say, “I love arresting these

Iraqi men because I know how they treat their women.”

In October 1994 “The Risk Rule,” which was used to determine which assignments should be closed to women was rescinded, and that made 91 percent of the career fields gender neutral, according to officials from the Office of the Chief of Personnel, G1. That amendment to assignments policy and others like it allowed women like Bosveld and Capt. Kimberly Hampton to get closer to the action, G1 officials said.

Hampton was killed when her OH-58 Kiowa Warrior observation helicopter was attacked near the Iraqi town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad. She was a company commander with 1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Hampton supported infantry Soldiers by providing fire support and observing ground action. She was the division’s first company commander to die in the war on terror.

“She loved being a Soldier. She didn’t consider herself a female Soldier, but a pilot serving her country, who just happened to be a female,” said Ann Hampton, Kimberly’s mother.

“I miss her though, it’s a physical pain going on without her. Knowing that there won’t be a wedding or grandchildren. Our lives revolved around Kimberly,” Ann said as she took a break from packing up Kimberly’s Fayetteville home.

“I’m terribly sad and empty, but there are 550-some other families who are going through the same grief.”

Daughters, wives and mothers are vying for adventure and the chance to serve their country at increasing rates.

“My Kimmie joined the Army because she wanted to do something exciting. So it wasn’t surprising when she told me that she was going to be working as an EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) specialist,” said Carol Fahnestock, the mother of Staff Sgt. Kimberly Voelz.

Voelz of the 703rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, Fort Knox, Ky., died in her husband’s arm in Baghdad from her injuries after an improvised explosive device detonated before she could disarm it.

Voelz and her husband, Max, were both staff sergeants serving in Iraq as EOD specialists.

Before “Kimmie” died, Fahnestock said she knows her daughter saved countless lives. She excelled at her job, her mother said. She was a team leader and trained a lot of Soldiers under her, she added.

Women can do anything men can do, Fahnestock said.

Fahnestock said Voelz had re-enlisted a month before her death, and was going to be stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, only hours from her hometown.

“It would have been the first time in seven years that we would have lived near each other,” Fahnestock said. “Now I’m looking forward to helping Max find a house, and hopefully he’ll let me help him decorate.”

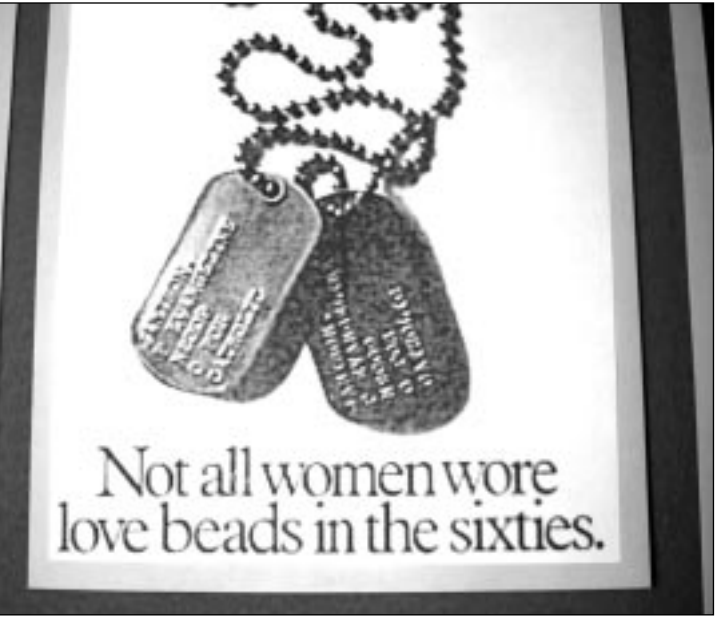


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
A poster honoring military women of the 60s and 70s is a part of the winning Women’s History display submitted by Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class 07-04. The display sits in the lobby of building 4507.

Awards

From front page

Service members, employees, and youths are encouraged to participate in future contests.

The next Essay and Display Competition theme is in observance of the Holocaust. The entry deadline is April 22 and awards will be presented April 29.

For more information, call EO advisors, Master Sgt. Arbel Connor at 410-278-2529 or Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick, at 410-278-5598.

Awardees

Essay winner

1st Sgt. Dolisha King, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

Essay runner-up

Eunice Hamrick, secretary, Wheel and Track Automotive Division, Donner Hall, Edgewood

Display winner

Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Class 07-04

Display runner-up

Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Class 08-04

Ruth Rivera, Aberdeen Middle School, accepted certificates for essays submitted by 6th grade students, Lindsay Boyd and Valencia Lewis-Davis.

Sports



Sgt. 1st Class Danny McGee, left, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, guides students through warm up exercises in his Edgewood American Tae Kwon Do Association Black Belt Academy during the school's grand opening March 13.



McGee observes students as they assume a defensive stance.

APG NCO teaches leadership through self-defense

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

If the family that plays together stays together, then there'll be no separating a family of martial artists from Aberdeen Proving Ground. Sgt. 1st Class Danny McGee, a small group leader with the U.S. Army Ordnance

Center and Schools' Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy, fulfilled his dream of providing a family-oriented school where parents and children can "grow together" when he opened the Edgewood Black Belt Academy on Hanson Road near the Edgewood Area of APG March 13.

McGee, his wife Lisa, and children, Victorya, 14, and Jacob, 11, all hold black belts in Taekwondo and the academy is regulated by the American Tae Kwon Do Association. A martial artist most of his life, and a member of ATA for five years, McGee said the school is more about building

self-esteem than winning tournaments. "The ATA is more about goal-setting for families," he said, as he welcomed 13 new students during the grand opening celebration March 13. "The more we can get families involved the better," McGee said. "We believe that the more families do together,

the more they bond, and the more they can achieve." He said the school encourages values similar to the 'Army Values,' such as leadership, courage, motivation, knowledge, service, fitness, loyalty and nobility, which are listed on one wall of the classroom. "We focus on a monthly

theme. This month it's 'confidence,'" McGee said, adding future themes include courtesy, respect, self-control and integrity. Jason Morgan, a 3rd degree black belt instructor with the Cecil Karate Club in Elkton, was on hand to assist with the opening day activities that included weapons and wood-breaking demonstrations and introductory lessons.

The McGees were instructor-trainers at the Cecil Karate Club in Elkton before opening their own school, Morgan said.

"They are very passionate about the martial arts. Both are energetic, enthusiastic and great with kids," he said.

Staff Sgt. Shannon Tarver-McKinney, BNCOC, who signed up for classes with her daughter, Sarah Parker, 12, and Ivy McKinney, 9, said her family was among the first to sign up.

"I needed something to keep me motivated about staying fit," she said.

"This is good family exercise that teaches discipline and it's a lot of fun."

"My two are very enthusiastic about it," added Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Yungandreas, ANCOC, who enrolled his daughters Kelsey, 12, and Elizabeth, 13.

"They got their uniforms last night and couldn't wait to start. I hope it stays that way," Yungandreas said.

McGee said the school offers programs for students as young as 4 up to senior citizens in several levels of instruction, beginner to advanced, based on the Songahm system, which focuses on personal development of the mind and body.

"What's great about Songahm is that it's worldwide so military families don't have to worry about starting over again when they rotate," McGee said.

With the school's motto of, "We make America stronger, one black belt at a time," McGee said that what he enjoys most about instructing is watching others achieve.

"We teach persistence," he said, adding that the academy welcomes the physically challenged.

"I have a nephew with cerebral palsy and a friend who is autistic. Here, they would be treated like everyone else. We believe everyone can achieve and we're closed to no one," McGee said.

The academy is located at 2216-D Hanson Road in Edgewood. For more information, call 410-612-0223.



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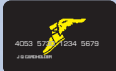
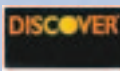
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Mechanic

**OIL, LUBE
& FILTER**
\$16⁹⁵

FREE Preventative Maintenance Check (on request)
Lube (where applicable) new filter & up to 5 quarts
major brand oil (brands vary).
Most cars. Special diesel oil & filter extra.
Environmental oil disposal fee may apply in some areas.
Call for appointment.

**Melvin's Tire
& Auto Services**

Most vehicles. Not valid with any other offers.
Environmental disposal fee may apply in some areas.
Additional shop charges may apply.
Vehicles requiring 5w/20 may be extra. Offer expires 4/30/04.

**TIRE ROTATION &
PRESSURE
CHECK**
99¢ PER TIRE

Get top tire mileage with top tire care. Rotation and inflation
checks help tires wear longer, more evenly. Rotation is
particularly important for front wheel drive vehicles and some
all-season radials. Vehicles requiring mounting/dismounting
due to special wheels, excluded.

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& Auto Services**

Most vehicles. Additional charge for shop supplies, 7% or \$30.00 maximum
may be added. Not valid with other offers. Valid with this coupon only.
Offer expires 4/30/04.

**ANY AUTO
SERVICE**
\$10 OFF
OVER \$100.

SUPER COUPON

**Melvin's Tire
& Auto Services**

Not valid on state inspection. Excludes tires & rotation. No other discounts apply.
Only at locations listed. Most cars. Must present coupon to get this service.
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**FUEL INJECTION
SERVICE**
\$59⁹⁵

Your car may not need a tune-up. Cleans clogged fuel
injectors to help restore power & performance.
Improve fuel economy.

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**Republic
ENSIGN**
\$32¹⁹ 175/70R13

SIZE	PRICE
185/65R14	\$35.67
205/65R15	\$40.02
195/70R14	\$36.54
205/70R14	\$40.89
205/70R15	\$39.15
215/70R15	\$43.50

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